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Docket No. 75378.010800**REMARKS**

The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered. As a result, withdrawn claims 1-7 have been canceled, claims 8, 14, 16, 17 and 20 have been amended and new claims 21-26 have been added. New independent claim 23 is believed to be generic to the species illustrated in the drawing figures. Prompt reconsideration is urged in light of the above amendments and these remarks.

Specification Revisions

Paragraphs 56 and 63 have been amended for consistency in reference to guide body 14. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claim 20 has been amended to obviate the objection set forth by the examiner.

Rejection under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 8, 9, 14 and 16 stand rejected as anticipated by Jullien FR 2,564,735. Claims 8 and 16 have been amended as set forth above so as to patentably distinguish over Jullien. Jullien discloses no defined guide path restriction on the movement of the post. The post is free to pivotally move in any direction. Claims 8 and 16 now specifically recite that the guide body defines a guide path and the stick is constrained to move along the guide path defined by the guide body. Accordingly, this rejection of claims 8, 9, 14, and 17 should now be withdrawn and claims 10-13, and 15 examined along with claims 8, 9, 14, 16-26.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 18-20 stand rejected as unpatentable over Jullien in view of von Othegraven. Neither Jullien nor von Othegraven disclose or suggest the device structure as now set forth in

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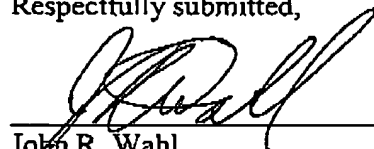
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amended claim 16 and therefore claims 18-20 are allowable. In view of the amendments set forth above to claim 16, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 8-26 are now pending in the application and are believed to be allowable. Claims 8 and 9 remain generic to claims 10-20. Accordingly, claims 8 through 20 and new claims 21-26 should be substantively examined. This amendment is believed to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's current rejections have been successfully overcome and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

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